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Identical letters dated 20 June 2008 from the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairman of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Security Council and the President of the Economic and Social Council

We have the honour to refer to the conclusions and recommendations of the biannual review of the implementation of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework (PBC/2/SLE/8).

On 19 June 2008, the Government of Sierra Leone and the Peacebuilding Commission conducted the first biannual review of the implementation of the Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework adopted on 12 December 2007. The review noted that significant progress has been made in meeting several commitments contained in the Framework. However, additional efforts are needed, particularly in addressing the pressing issues of youth employment and empowerment, national reconciliation and capacity-building.

The biannual review meeting resulted in the adoption of succinct recommendations to the Government of Sierra Leone, the United Nations, the international community and the Peacebuilding Commission. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the Peacebuilding Commission founding resolutions (General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005)), we would like to draw your attention to the recommendation addressed to the international community for follow-up action. In particular, the attention of the Security Council is drawn to the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 (f) of the conclusions and recommendations pertaining to the future of the United Nations integrated presence in Sierra Leone.

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The Peacebuilding Commission reiterates its determination to provide unflagging support to Sierra Leone in the consolidation of peace with a view to securing a future that is free from fear and want.

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